

# Smith Brothers Take Lead in City Nightball Race

## COMPLETE SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING GAMES GIVEN

Tonight—Sandy & Scotty vs. Paxman & Arnold.  
Next Thursday, June 3—S. & S. vs. Smith Brothers.

CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Smith Bros.	3	0	1.000
National Supply	2	1	.667
P. & A.	0	2	.000
S. & S.	0	2	.000

Smith Brothers, by virtue of two successive wins, jumped to first place in the city nightball race this week. They defeated Paxman and Arnold 7 to 2 last Thursday night and the National Supply team 11 to 3 on Monday night.

In the last game the Smiths got off to a bad start in the first inning when the Nationals ran in three runs on one hit. Then they settled down and played an airtight game with Pitcher Barnhardt only allowing the Nationals one more hit. The Smiths rapped Pitchers Stanovich and Eager for 11 bingles during the encounter.

### First Half Over

Foster pitched for the Smiths in the game with Paxman and Arnold's crew, allowing seven hits which the Smiths also collected from Dawson. The game tonight at 7:30 o'clock between Sandy & Scotty and Paxman & Arnold will close the first half of the city league series. The remaining schedule is:

- Thursday, June 3—S. & S. vs. Smith Bros.
- Monday, June 7—Nat'l Supply vs. P. & A.
- Thursday, June 10—S. & S. vs. Nat'l Supply.
- Monday, June 14—P. & A. vs. Smith Bros.
- Thursday, June 17—Smith Bros. vs. Nat'l Supply.
- Monday, June 21—P. & A. vs. S. & S.

### SECOND ROUND

- Thursday, June 24—Smith Bros. vs. S. & S.
- Monday, June 28—P. & A. vs. Nat'l Supply.
- Thursday, July 1—Nat'l Supply vs. S. & S.
- Monday, July 5—Smith Bros. vs. P. & A.
- Thursday, July 8—Smith Bros. vs. P. & A.
- Monday, July 12—Nat'l Supply vs. Smith Bros.
- Thursday, July 15—S. & S. vs. P. & A.
- Monday, July 19—S. & S. vs. Smith Bros.
- Thursday, July 22—Nat'l Supply vs. P. & A.
- Monday, July 26—S. & S. vs. Nat'l Supply.
- Thursday, July 29—P. & A. vs. Smith Bros.
- Monday, Aug. 2—Smith Bros. vs. Nat'l Supply.
- Thursday, Aug. 5—P. & A. vs. S. & S.

## Badminton Club Teams to Play in Long Beach

Members of the Torrance Badminton club have accepted their first challenge for out-of-town games, it was learned yesterday, and will participate in a tournament Friday evening, June 4, with Long Beach shuttle-batters. The meet will be held at the Poly high school gymnasium, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The Torrance players will be selected for mixed doubles, men's and women's singles next Tuesday night during the regular play at the Civic Auditorium. Other out-of-town games are planned by the local Badminton experts.

## R. McMasters Quits City Fire Department

A member of the department since July 16, 1935, Robert McMasters has resigned his engineer's commission on the Torrance Fire department and will leave that work on June 1, Fire Chief A. B. Stevenson said this week. McMasters will enter oil field work, it is understood. At the present time he is enjoying his annual vacation, his place being filled on the department by Roy Wilson, who has been employed as relief fireman. Walter West will begin his vacation on June 1. Chief Stevenson said that he has made no appointment of McMasters' successor on the department as yet. Tuesday night at city council meeting a letter from Chief Stevenson was read which recommended the appointment of Gordon Northington as fireman, to succeed McMasters, subject to his passing civil service examinations. Stevenson also urged that the civil service board hold an examination for all firemen for promotion. The recommendations were approved.

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## First Team Batting Averages Compiled for City League

Batting averages of teams in the city league nightball race were compiled this week by Dale Riley, the "Judge Landis" of the city circuit. They are as follows:

Team	Games	Av.
Smith Bros.	3	.263
Nat'l Supply	3	.250
S. & S.	2	.209
P. & S.	2	.166

## Theatre Team Beats Merchants

Errorless ball and airtight hurling of Pitcher Neilson enabled the Follies theatre nine to defeat the Lomita Merchants 7 to 5 in a close battle at the city park diamond last Sunday. Follies' long home run on bases set the visitors out into the lead which the Merchants were able to overcome only temporarily.

Malone's wildness, plus infield errors cost the Lomita team the game. J. Venable, with three blows in five trips to the plate, paced the Lomita team at bat with Duncan and Palica getting two hits for runner-up honors.

A scheduled game with Richfield Oil next Sunday was cancelled late this week on account of Memorial Day and the Desperado team from Los Angeles will be here instead. This club is rated first class, having won from Placencia last Sunday, 6 to 5 in 11 innings. On June 6 the Jadrin team will come to Torrance and on June 13 the San Pedro Merchants are booked.

Starting June 6 all games at the park will be double-headers, enabling all players to see action. Many youngsters have been kept on the bench on account of the regular players having more experience. McGahan, Briganti and Trezise, of the high school team this year, are three of the younger players expected to show up well, according to Manager Walt Morris.

The box score of last Sunday's game:

FOLLIES THEATRE			
	AB	R	H
J. Morrow, ss.	5	1	0
H. Morrow, lf.	3	2	1
Waters, rf.	5	1	0
Fenicle, 1b.	4	1	2
Dunigan, 3b.	4	1	2
Miller, cf.	4	0	0
McWilliams, 2b.	5	0	1
Ray, c.	4	1	0
Nielson, p.	4	0	0
Total	38	7	6

  

LOMITA MERCHANTS			
	AB	R	H
Palica, cf.	5	1	2
J. Venable, rf.	5	0	3
Olsen, ss.	4	0	0
Lang, lf.	4	0	1
Hamilton, 1b.	4	1	1
Markham, 3b.	3	0	0
Nixon, 2b.	3	0	0
Duncan, c.	2	2	2
Malone, p.	4	0	1
xMorris	1	0	0
Total	34	5	10

xBatted for Nixon in ninth.

SCORE BY INNINGS			
Follies	300	300	100-7
Lomita	040	000	100-5

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## Sport Shots

By Bob Lowell

### Pete Zamperini Fetes His U. S. C. Mentors

PERHAPS this story should go on the society pages of The Herald but because it reports a gathering that was confined to just two subjects—a delectable Italian dinner and a good old-fashioned talk-about sports—I think I ought to grab it off for my pillar.

Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zamperini turned their home over to son Pete and his friends. It was Pete's 22nd birthday but the natal observance was cast into the background to permit that graduate-to-be of U.S.C. to pay tribute to those who have helped him the most during his university career.

Present were Trank Coach Dean Cromwell; Business Managers Leo Adams and "Pop" Foster; Eddy Leahy, assistant track coach; A. B. Crane and his son, Clark, who is the Trojans' star 220-yard sprinter; Louis K. Gough, graduate manager at U.S.C.; Attorney Kenneth Hughes of this city; Host Pete; Mr. Zamperini, and four correspondents.

Mrs. Zamperini, aided and abetted by daughters Sylvia and Virginia, served a dinner that rivals any Roman feasts of antiquity. All the dishes that make Italian cooking the delight of helen were on the table and did those U.S.C. guests tuck them away? Afterwards we assumed comfortable positions and tongues wagged on the subject of sports in general and U.S.C. track accomplishments in particular. It was a splendid evening and Dean Cromwell "let down his hair" and spoke at length... but no reporters were present.

Pete is graduating within the next few weeks after a brilliant career at U.S.C. The fact that he is only 22 years old makes this milestone all the more important. His brother, Louis, could not be present because Louis is "boning up" on his studies preparatory to his final exams of his Freshman year at the Trojan institution.

High Average Needed To Win Speed Dash  
An average of 113 miles an hour will be necessary to win the 500-mile race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway this year, drivers and mechanics are predicting in reports from Indianapolis.

With a good break on weather, they anticipate the most favorable speed conditions in the 25-year history of the annual Memorial Day event. The race will be held May 31 this year. The track has been smoothed, turns made safer and there is no limit on the amount of gasoline used. Last year there was a limit of 37½ gallons for the 500 miles. Only restriction this year is that standard gasoline obtainable at any public filling station be used.

Present record for the 500 miles is 109.069 miles an hour, set by Louis Meyer, Huntington Park, California, last year when he became the only three-time winner of the race. It represented an increase of three miles an hour over the old record despite the fuel limit and an accident which slowed down the race for about 35 miles. "Wild Bill" Cummings, Indianapolis, winner of the 1934 race with an average of 104.865, won pole position with a new record of 123.445 miles an hour for the 25-mile qualifying run.

## Jolson Takes the Count



Shown in what is probably the most ludicrous pose in which he has ever had his picture taken, is Al Jolson, stage and screen comedian, curled up at the feet of Henry Armstrong, world's featherweight champion. Jolson, an ardent fight fan, recently purchased Armstrong's contract for a reported price of \$10,000.

## Slight Cut In Power Rates Will Be Effective Here June 1

Slightly lower electric rates for household and commercial customers of the Southern California Edison company in Torrance and other cities throughout the county are to become effective June 1, it was announced this week.

Domestic customers will receive 70 percent, or \$456,000 of the reduction, and commercial users will receive \$203,000, according to the California Railroad Commission. The reduction will be scarcely noticeable on the average bill, but is a step toward lower rates, engineers said.

The new rates represent an honest attempt on the part of the Railroad Commission to simplify schedules and make it possible for a greater number of customers to qualify under cheaper electric charges," engineers said. The reduction was described as "larger than the amount recently predicted," further study by Commission engineers having revealed the increased amount would be necessary as an initial step to equalize the reduction in rates throughout the company's far-flung system.

This week's reductions brings the total announced by the Commission within recent weeks to more than \$2,000,000 a year for Southern California customers of public utility concerns. The lower rates are being used as selling points for new electric ranges and water heaters, however, and the reductions will be made up in other ways, it was understood.

## Paxman to Get City Globe Trade

During the coming fiscal year Paxman's hardware store will supply the city with electric globes, it was learned at city council meeting Tuesday night when a resolution of intention to enter into a contract with General Electric corporation was adopted.

The light globe business is alternated yearly among local hardware firms and amounts to "not less than \$600." The city, it was revealed, gets a 25 percent discount under the contract.

## Second-Hand Stores On Hawthorne Will Be Zoned Out

Emergency action to regulate the use of the frontage of Hawthorne boulevard between the north city limits of Torrance and the south city limits of Inglewood was taken this week by the board of supervisors.

According to Supervisor Leonard Ford of the Fourth district, there are too many second-hand stores seeking locations on the boulevard in the Hawthorne district. Inglewood will not permit the businesses in that number on Hawthorne within the Inglewood city limits, and the result is that they are "bunched" in the Hawthorne section. The Regional Planning commission was instructed to take steps to zone it immediately.

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